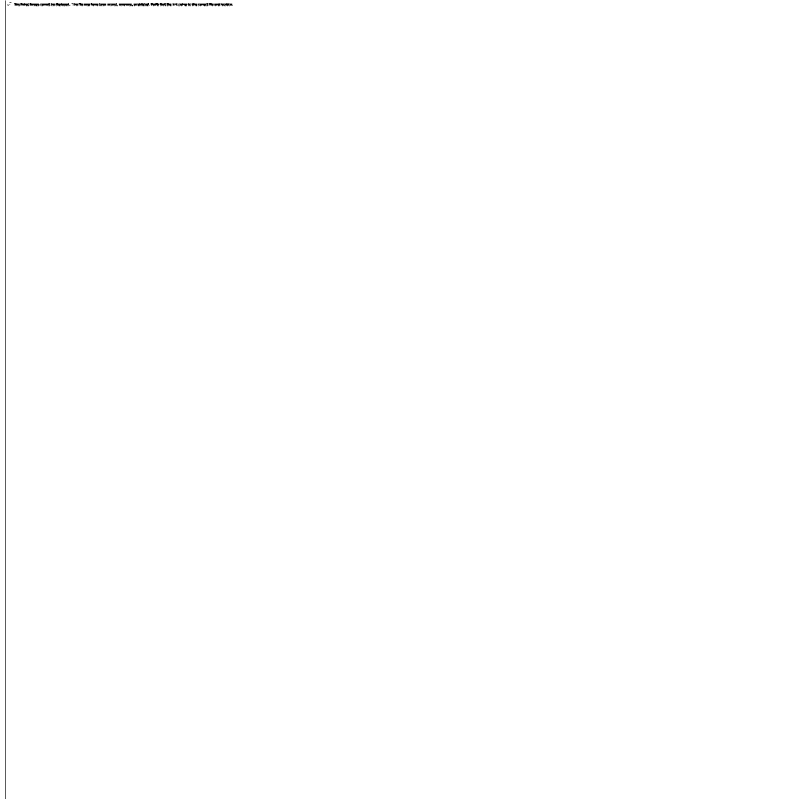
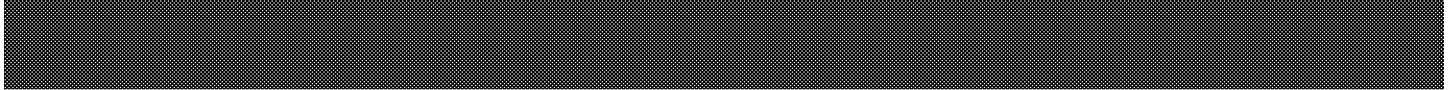


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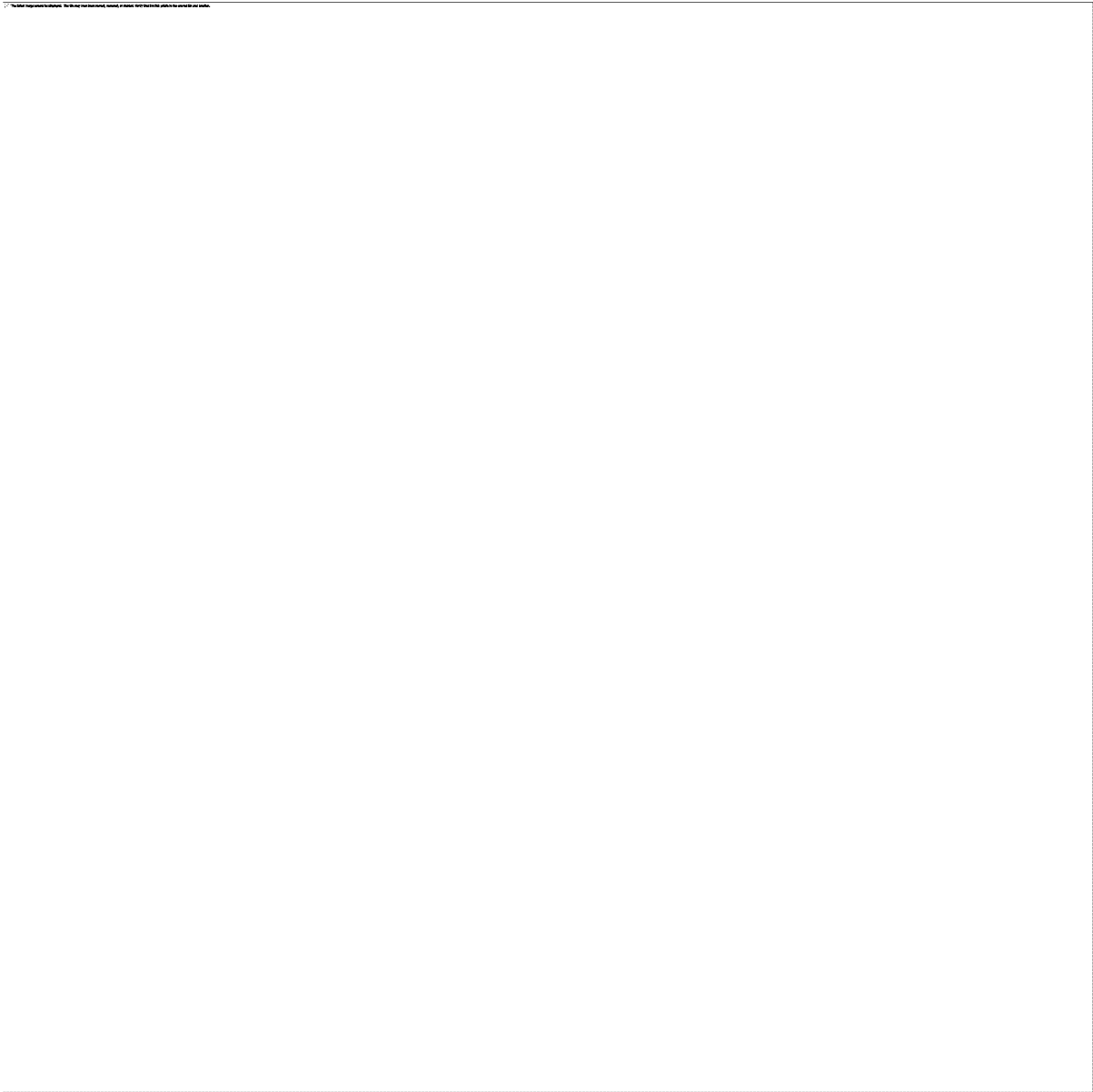
- CVR Energy Inc., an oil refinery owned by former Trump adviser Carl Icahn, in recent months received a hardship waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency that exempts a plant in Wynnewood, Okla., from fuel blending requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard, according to two industry sources. Icahn, who ended his advisory role in August after lawmakers questioned whether he had ethical conflicts working as both an

advisor and investor, is under federal investigation into whether he influenced biofuels policy while advising President Donald Trump. ([Reuters](#))

- Marathon Petroleum Corp., the second-largest refiner in the United States, said it plans to buy pipeline and refining company Andeavor in a cash-and-stock deal worth \$23.3 billion, according to the two companies. Marathon, based in Findlay, Ohio, has operations in the East, and Andeavor, based in San Antonio, operates in the West, which could make it easier for the companies to get regulatory approval. ([The Wall Street Journal](#))
- The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General opened another investigation into Administrator Scott Pruitt, this time over his \$50-a-night condo rental in Washington from a lobbyist whose husband represented clients with matters at the agency, according to letters from Inspector General Arthur A. Elkins Jr. to Democratic Reps. Don Beyer of Virginia and Ted Lieu of California. The EPA's top ethics officer has said the housing arrangement did not violate rules on gift-giving, but the officer had not examined whether it ran against other ethics regulations or if the space was used as the lease indicated. ([Bloomberg](#))
- Pruitt has directed three senior EPA officials - Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler, Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson and Chief Financial Officer Holly Greaves - to review future agency spending made on his behalf that exceeds \$5,000, according to a signed memorandum. The memo came after Pruitt, at House hearings on Thursday, addressed allegations of extravagant spending on his behalf, including the purchase of a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth for his office, whose cost he ascribed to the decisions of career officials. ([The Hill](#))

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Recommendations for Enhancing the Safety Focus of New Reactor
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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

Offshore Technology Conference	7:30 a.m.
National Hydropower Association's Waterpower Week	7:30 a.m.
Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council meeting	8:30 a.m.

Milken Institute Global Conference event on investing in climate action	10:45 a.m.
Collision's planet:tech Conference	12 p.m.
Milken Institute Global Conference event on biodiversity and a sixth extinction	2:30 p.m.
Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy panel on conservative prescriptions on climate change	5 p.m.
Guarini Center event on natural gas generation in the U.S.	6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

National Hydropower Association's Waterpower Week	7:30 a.m.
Offshore Technology Conference	7:30 a.m.
Greentech Media Solar Summit	7:45 a.m.
Collision's planet:tech Conference	9 a.m.
CSIS Energy & National Security Program event on carbon pricing	10 a.m.
Milken Institute Global Conference event on closing the energy gap in Sub-Saharan Africa	9:30 a.m.
Milken Institute Global Conference event on oil, gas and renewable energy markets	3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

National Hydropower Association's Waterpower Week	7:30 a.m.
Offshore Technology Conference	7:30 a.m.

Greentech Media Solar Summit	8 a.m.
Collision's planet:tech Conference	9 a.m.
Great Plains Institute & Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions event on PJM region energy	9 a.m.
Atlantic Council event on Russia's energy strategy	10 a.m.
Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board meeting on plutonium disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Offshore Technology Conference	7:30 a.m.
The Wilderness Society panel discussion on climate change and U.S. public lands	8:30 a.m.
Collision's planet:tech Conference	9 a.m.

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

Report: The Great Recession, 10 Years Later

How much of an impact does the recession continue to have on Americans, their perceptions of the financial industry, and their personal finances?

General

EPA Watchdog Opens Probe of Administrator Pruitt's Condo Rental

Jennifer A. Dlouhy, Bloomberg

The Environmental Protection Agency's internal watchdog will probe Administrator Scott Pruitt's unorthodox rental of a Capitol Hill condominium from a lobbyist, marking at least the 10th federal investigation of the agency's chief.

Pruitt signs memo directing aides to scrutinize future big expenses

Timothy Cama, The Hill

Under intense scrutiny of his expenses, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) chief Scott Pruitt directed three senior officials to review any future expenditures made on his behalf that cost more than \$5,000.

EPA staff in 'despair' after Pruitt blame game

Emily Holden, Politico

Scott Pruitt may have survived his testimony on Capitol Hill, but he's coming back to a further enraged and demoralized Environmental Protection Agency staff.

Proposed shake-up at National Park Service could make senior leaders hit the road

Joel Achenbach, The Washington Post

A major management shake-up could be underway at the National Park Service, including the proposed reassignment of the veteran superintendent of Yellowstone National Park and six other senior executives, according to several individuals familiar with the plan

California Air Regulator to Pruitt: 'Call Me Maybe?'

Mark Chediak et al., Bloomberg

California's top air-quality regulator took to Twitter Friday to engage Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt over the future of automotive pollution standards.

Dem AGs renew call for Pruitt to recuse himself from climate rule repeal process

Timothy Cama, The Hill

Democratic state attorneys general are renewing their call for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt to

recuse himself from the process of repealing the agency's climate change rule for power plants.

OMB backdates completion date for 'secret science' review
Sean Reilly, E&E News

The White House has altered an official timeline to show that a required review of a proposed EPA science rule was finished one day before agency Administrator Scott Pruitt signed it this past Tuesday.

Water delivery suspended in Nevada mine battle
Scott Sonner, The Associated Press

It was an uncharacteristically urgent demand at a U.S. Superfund site where the cleanup of an abandoned World War II-era mine has dragged on for two decades and progress is measured, at best, in years.

Oil slips on rising U.S. rig count; Iran concerns limit downside
Koustav Samanta, Reuters

Oil prices dipped on Monday after a rising rig count in the United States pointed to higher production there, but markets held near their highest in over three years and remained set for a second straight month of gains.

Oil and Natural Gas

U.S. EPA grants biofuels waiver to billionaire Icahn's oil refinery - sources
Jarrett Renshaw et al., Reuters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has granted a financial hardship waiver to an oil refinery owned by billionaire Carl Icahn, a former adviser to President Donald Trump, exempting the Oklahoma facility from requirements under a federal biofuels law, according to two industry sources briefed on the matter.

Marathon Petroleum to Buy Andeavor for More Than \$20 Billion
Dana Cimilluca et al., The Wall Street Journal

Marathon Petroleum Corp. plans to buy pipeline and refining company Andeavor for more than \$20 billion, the companies said Monday.

Saudi Aramco Shakes Up Board, Adds First Female Director
Summer Said, The Wall Street Journal

Saudi state-oil giant Aramco reshuffled its board, adding five members including its first-ever female director, as it prepares for a public listing.

Trump officials seek to ease landmark offshore drilling safety rules

Timothy Cama, The Hill

The Trump administration is proposing to roll back parts of a landmark offshore drilling safety regulation that was written in response to the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon disaster.

Utilities and Infrastructure

'Cyber Blindspot' Threatens Energy Companies Spending Too Little

Naureen S. Malik, Bloomberg

What's the cost of securing the nation's energy from a cyber attack?

Pruitt: EPA will seek 'comprehensive rule' to alter New Source Review

Gavin Bade, Utility Dive

If Pruitt survives investigation into possible ethics violations, the power sector can expect more action on NSR and science policy.

PJM CEO touts benefits of new market amid shifting dynamics in the West

Kate Winston, Platts

A new electricity market in the West could offer unique benefits compared to the existing markets in the region, PJM Interconnection President and CEO Andrew Ott said Friday in an interview with S&P Global Platts.

Can San Diego Ditch the Power Company? Not Without a Fight
Ivan Penn, The New York Times

Seeking control over the way their electricity was generated and paid for, Cape Cod residents banded together two decades ago to bypass the local utility and buy power in bulk.

Renewables

Electric scooters draw hordes of investors and users - but a number of critics as well

Deborah Findling, CNBC

The market for electric scooters is booming, with names like LimeBike, Spin, Bird among the few companies appealing to consumers in big cities who are looking for quick, convenient and environmentally-friendly transportation.

Coal

DTE Electric plans to keep Belle River, Monroe coal plants running: official

Bob Matyi, Platts

Even though it is retiring three of its coal plants by 2023, DTE Electric intends to keep running its 1,395-MW Belle River and 3,000-MW Monroe coal plants until around 2030 and 2040, respectively, Trevor Lauer, DTE president and chief operating officer, said Friday in an interview.

Nuclear

Nuclear Power Plants Have a 'Blind Spot' for Hackers. Here's How to Fix That.

Sean Lyngaas

Billy Rios likes to hack the machines that make modern society function. Take the Morpho Itemiser 3, a prototype of the device the Transportation Security Administration uses to screen airport travelers for explosives and narcotics.

Climate

Unprecedented U.S.-British project launches to study the world's most dangerous glacier

Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

The largest U.S.-British Antarctic mission in seven decades officially launched at an event in Cambridge on Monday, as the two countries pooled dollars and scientific resources for missions to West Antarctica's Thwaites glacier - a Florida-size ice body that, scientists fear, could flood the world's coastlines in our lifetimes.

In Cities v. Fossil Fuels, Exxon's Allies Want the Accusers Investigated

David Hasemyer, InsideClimate News

The elbowing for advantage between ExxonMobil and the California cities and counties suing the oil giant for billions of dollars in climate change damages has spread to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Support From Congress Shows High Stakes of Coal Plant for Tribes and Economies

Darren Bearson, Morning Consult

Comprehensive energy legislation has not been at the top of Congress' agenda throughout the first years of the Trump presidency.

Why climate change can't escape Washington's back burner

Amy Harder, Axios

When it comes to federal policy priorities, climate change rarely drives the agenda.

Scott Pruitt's feisty defense of himself may have been good enough to save his job of destroying the earth!

Tom Toles, The Washington Post

There are times when what you are watching is so far out of line with what is actually happening and what actually matters that you know that somebody is screamingly bonkers

Scott Pruitt Is Forced to Confront Reality

Emily Atkin, The Atlantic

Thursday morning's hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee was supposed to be all about Scott Pruitt, the embattled head of the Environmental Protection Agency. But it also turned out to be about Drew Wynne.

The Incredible Shrinking Exxon
Spencer Jakab, The Wall Street Journal

Exxon Mobil put an exclamation point on what ails big oil on Friday.

Scott Pruitt seems determined to harm the environment
The Editorial Board, The Washington Post

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's expanding ethical cloud is one reason he should not be the nation's top environmental officer. The other is that he seems determined to ruin the environment.

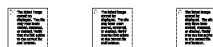
EPA scandals overshadow Scott Pruitt failure to undo Obama environmental regulations
Stuart Shapiro, USA Today

Scott Pruitt told Congress this week that the many ethics complaints against him are an attempt to discredit him because of his successful efforts to eliminate environmental regulations as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Research Reports

North American Power & Utilities Deal Insights Q1 2018
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Fading uncertainties regarding tax reform, the unique window of opportunity for solar and wind energy assets, and a continuing drive to rationalize portfolios all served to keep results strong in the first quarter of 2018.





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